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# City of Huntington Beach to Hold Virtual City Council Meetings During the Current Surge in COVID-19 Cases

Starting Tuesday, January 19, 2021, Huntington Beach City Council meetings will be held virtually, in keeping with the Governor's mandate to limit in-person gatherings that can spread COVID-19. Orange County is experiencing an unprecedented surge in cases and a critical shortage of ICU beds, and the City is committed to implementing all proven measures that will protect the health and safety of Huntington Beach.

"The health and safety of our residents is our highest priority, and online Council meetings are just one of several steps we're taking to protect our community during this pandemic," says Mayor Kim Carr. "During this historic surge, we can't afford to disregard public health quidelines that can save lives and restore our local economy, and we plan to do our part."

At this time, a majority of the 34 cities in Orange County conducts their City Council meetings exclusively online. Nearby cities with virtual meetings include Seal Beach, Westminster, Anaheim, Santa Ana, Irvine and Costa Mesa.

Huntington Beach City Council meetings begin at 6 p.m. on the first and third Monday of every month, with the exception of the next meeting, which has been moved to Tuesday, January 19 due to the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday on Monday, January 18.

#### **View the Meetings and Agendas**

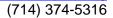
The City offers several ways to view City Council meetings live or on-demand. City Council meetings are livestreamed on HBTV Channel 3 and the <u>City's website</u> and also replayed on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. and Wednesdays at 6 p.m. In addition, meetings are archived for on-demand viewing at the City's <u>HBTV Cablecast page</u> or any Roku or Apple device by downloading the Cablecast Screenweave App and searching for the City of Huntington Beach channel.

To access current and archived City Council meeting agendas, please visit the <a href="City's website">City's website</a>.

### **Make Public Comment during the Meeting**

The public comment process remains an integral part of City Council meetings, and the City continues to offer several participation methods. Attendees may provide comment on agendized or non-agenized items by visiting <a href="https://www.zoom.us">www.zoom.us</a> or calling (669) 900-6833 and then entering webinar ID 971 5413 0528. Each attendee will be prompted to speak when the City Clerk announces their name or the last 3 digits of their phone number. Attendees will have up to three minutes to make public comment.

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Members of the public may also email communications to <a href="SupplementalComm@surfcity-hb.org">SupplementalComm@surfcity-hb.org</a>. These communications will be announced, but not read, and placed into the administrative record during the Supplemental Communications portion of each meeting. Emails regarding agenda items and sent to <a href="City.Council@surfcity-hb.org">City.Council@surfcity-hb.org</a> will also be treated as Supplemental Communications.

#### **Stay Informed**

The City of Huntington Beach encourages the community to continue participating in meetings and staying informed by visiting the City's website at <a href="https://www.HuntingtonBeachCA.gov">www.HuntingtonBeachCA.gov</a>, the City's COVID-19 website at <a href="https://www.HBReady.com">www.HBReady.com</a>, or its social media platforms on Facebook (@cityofhb), Instagram (@cityofhb), Twitter (@cityofhbpio) and Next Door. In addition, the public may sign up <a href="here">here</a> for an email subscription to the bi-weekly City Manager's Report.